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STAFFDEL MOOSE/MEISSNER

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SUBJECT: MOOSE/MEISSNER

PLEASE PASS RICHARD MOOSE FROM SENATOR HUMPHREY:

QUOTE: I HAVE SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE 200 MILLION US DOLS IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND OTHERS IN NEED THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA TO BE ADMINISTERED BY U.N. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. MEASURE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE CHANNELING OF UNOBLIGATED FY 75 FUNDS IN IPR DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS FOR SUCH PURPOSES. KENNEDY AND MCGEE JOINING WITH ME IN THESE EFFORTS.

THERE IS A TOTAL LACK OF INFORMATION CONCERNING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF CONTROL OF PHNOM PENH AND SAIGON. REQUEST THAT YOU CONTACT PERSONS IN SAIGON WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH CONDITIONS IN RECENTLY OCCUPIED AREAS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE US WITH EVALUATION OF NEEDS AND WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS SPONSORED BY U.N. AND OTHERS TO TAKEPLACE.

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WEYAND AND HABIB DISCUSSED THE UPGRADING OF REGIONAL
FORCES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN GVN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN
COMING MONTHS. WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION OF THIS STRATEGY?
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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